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Subj: CLARIFICATION OF BAS REFORM FOR 1998

Ref: (a) ALPERSRU B/98, BAS REFORM FOR 1998

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Overview: BAS Reform legislation for 1998 was silent on the payment of Partial BAS for reserve members on IDT. HRSIC programmed SDA II to accept a code "P" for payment of Partial BAS while on IDT (R985 transaction), based on the assumption that COMRATS/SEPRATS is also payable to reserve members on IDT in certain situations.

A recent decision by the Department of Defense, the controlling agency for this entitlement, concluded that reserves on IDT are not receiving Basic Pay and are therefore not entitled to Partial BAS.

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Procedure Based on the above DOD determination, the following changes  
Changes: to the procedures contained in reference (a) are necessary:

PERSRU 1. PERSRUs must NOT use code "P" on R985 transactions.

ACTION Reserve members on IDT type orders are not entitled to partial BAS.

2. In reference (a), the PERSRU Action paragraph 2, stated PMIS/JUMPS will automatically stop a member's prior subsistence entitlement when a Start/Resume Pay and Allowance (P607) transaction is submitted to start Partial BAS. This is not the case.

When a P607 transaction is submitted to start Partial BAS, then a Stop Pay and Allowance transaction (P625) to stop an open subsistence allowance must be submitted with an effective date one day prior to the P607 starting Partial BAS.

EXCEPTION: When a P607 is submitted in conjunction with a PCS Reporting event, the PCS Reporting event will automatically stop the prior SEPRATS-T subsistence entitlement.

HRSIC 1. R985 transactions that have already been submitted by  
ACTION PERSRUs with a code of "P" for subsistence, to build the new Partial BAS segment 27, have been closed by HRSIC (these segment 27s have been "swapped" i.e., they now show a stop date earlier than the start date). No Partial BAS payment will be made for January for these segment 27s.

2. A future change to SDA II will be made to remove code "P" on the R985.

Related  
Issues:

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1. Code "P" for subsistence is still a valid code on the R990 and R991 transactions.
2. When a PCS Departing transaction is submitted, Partial BAS is automatically stopped by PMIS/JUMPS the day prior to the departing endorsement.
3. With the new Partial BAS entitlement, all active duty enlisted members should always have a BAS segment open (a segment 25, 26, 27 or 28). PERSRUs are responsible for closing and/or opening the appropriate BAS entitlements. See the PERSRU Action section of reference (a) for guidance.

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Questions: The contents of this ALPERSRU should be disseminated to all persons involved in the PMIS/JUMPS process.

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